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NOTIFICATION OF ELECTION

(PCT Rule 61.2)

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International application No. PCT/US98/15003	Applicant's or agent's file reference 6762/VJ
International filing date (day/month/year) 20 July 1998 (20.07.98)	Priority date (day/month/year) 21 July 1997 (21.07.97)
Applicant STRANG, Janine, Morgens et al	

1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:

☒ in the demand filed with the International Preliminary Examining Authority on:

04 January 1999 (04.01.99)

☐ in a notice effecting later election filed with the International Bureau on:

2. The election ☒ was

☐ was not

made before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date or, where Rule 32 applies, within the time limit under Rule 32.2(b).

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NOTIFICATION OF TRANSMITTAL OF
THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT
OR THE DECLARATION

(PCT Rule 44.1)

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6762/VJ

FOR FURTHER ACTION

See paragraphs 1 and 4 below

International application No.

PCT/US 98/15003

International filing date

(day/month/year)

20/07/1998

Applicant

THE PROCTER & GAMBLE COMPANY et al.

1. ☒ The applicant is hereby notified that the International Search Report has been established and is transmitted herewith.

Filing of amendments and statement under Article 19

The applicant is entitled, if he so wishes, to amend the claims of the International Application (see Rule 46):

When? The time limit for filing such amendments is normally 2 months from the date of transmittal of the International Search Report; however, for more details, see the notes on the accompanying sheet.

Where? Directly to the International Bureau of WIPO
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For more detailed instructions, see the notes on the accompanying sheet.

2. ☐ The applicant is hereby notified that no International Search Report will be established and that the declaration under Article 17(2)(a) to that effect is transmitted herewith.

3. ☐ With regard to the protest against payment of (an) additional fee(s) under Rule 40.2, the applicant is notified that:

☐ the protest together with the decision thereon has been transmitted to the International Bureau together with the applicant's request to forward the texts of both the protest and the decision thereon to the designated Offices.

☐ no decision has been made yet on the protest; the applicant will be notified as soon as a decision is made.

4. **Further action(s):** The applicant is reminded of the following:

Shortly after 18 months from the priority date, the international application will be published by the International Bureau. If the applicant wishes to avoid or postpone publication, a notice of withdrawal of the international application, or of the priority claim, must reach the International Bureau as provided in Rules 90bis.1 and 90bis.3, respectively, before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication.

Within 19 months from the priority date, a demand for international preliminary examination must be filed if the applicant wishes to postpone the entry into the national phase until 30 months from the priority date (in some Offices even later).

Within 20 months from the priority date, the applicant must perform the prescribed acts for entry into the national phase before all designated Offices which have not been elected in the demand or in a later election within 19 months from the priority date or could not be elected because they are not bound by Chapter II.

Name and mailing address of the International Searching Authority

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Authorized officer

Nathalie Desverchere

These Notes are intended to give the basic instructions concerning the filing of amendments under article 19. The Notes are based on the requirements of the Patent Cooperation Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions under that Treaty. In case of discrepancy between these Notes and those requirements, the latter are applicable. For more detailed information, see also the PCT Applicant's Guide, a publication of WIPO.

In these Notes, "Article", "Rule", and "Section" refer to the provisions of the PCT, the PCT Regulations and the PCT Administrative Instructions respectively.

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING AMENDMENTS UNDER ARTICLE 19

The applicant has, after having received the international search report, one opportunity to amend the claims of the international application. It should however be emphasized that, since all parts of the international application (claims, description and drawings) may be amended during the international preliminary examination procedure, there is usually no need to file amendments of the claims under Article 19 except where, e.g. the applicant wants the latter to be published for the purposes of provisional protection or has another reason for amending the claims before international publication. Furthermore, it should be emphasized that provisional protection is available in some States only.

What parts of the international application may be amended?

Under Article 19, only the claims may be amended.

During the international phase, the claims may also be amended (or further amended) under Article 34 before the International Preliminary Examining Authority. The description and drawings may only be amended under Article 34 before the International Examining Authority.

Upon entry into the national phase, all parts of the international application may be amended under Article 28 or, where applicable, Article 41.

When?

Within 2 months from the date of transmittal of the international search report or 16 months from the priority date, whichever time limit expires later. It should be noted, however, that the amendments will be considered as having been received on time if they are received by the International Bureau after the expiration of the applicable time limit but before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication (Rule 46.1).

Where not to file the amendments?

The amendments may only be filed with the International Bureau and not with the receiving Office or the International Searching Authority (Rule 46.2).

Where a demand for international preliminary examination has been/is filed, see below.

How?

Either by cancelling one or more entire claims, by adding one or more new claims or by amending the text of one or more of the claims as filed.

A replacement sheet must be submitted for each sheet of the claims which, on account of an amendment or amendments, differs from the sheet originally filed.

All the claims appearing on a replacement sheet must be numbered in Arabic numerals. Where a claim is cancelled, no renumbering of the other claims is required. In all cases where claims are renumbered, they must be renumbered consecutively (Administrative Instructions, Section 205(b)).

The amendments must be made in the language in which the international application is to be published.

What documents must/may accompany the amendments?

Letter (Section 205(b)):

The amendments must be submitted with a letter.

The letter will not be published with the international application and the amended claims. It should not be confused with the "Statement under Article 19(1)" (see below, under "Statement under Article 19(1)").

The letter must be in English or French, at the choice of the applicant. However, if the language of the international application is English, the letter must be in English; if the language of the international application is French, the letter must be in French.

The letter must indicate the differences between the claims as filed and the claims as amended. It must, in particular, indicate, in connection with each claim appearing in the international application (it being understood that identical indications concerning several claims may be grouped), whether

- (i) the claim is unchanged;
- (ii) the claim is cancelled;
- (iii) the claim is new;
- (iv) the claim replaces one or more claims as filed;
- (v) the claim is the result of the division of a claim as filed.

The following examples illustrate the manner in which amendments must be explained in the accompanying letter:

1. [Where originally there were 48 claims and after amendment of some claims there are 51]:
"Claims 1 to 29, 31, 32, 34, 35, 37 to 48 replaced by amended claims bearing the same numbers; claims 30, 33 and 36 unchanged; new claims 49 to 51 added."
2. [Where originally there were 15 claims and after amendment of all claims there are 11]:
"Claims 1 to 15 replaced by amended claims 1 to 11."
3. [Where originally there were 14 claims and the amendments consist in cancelling some claims and in adding new claims]:
"Claims 1 to 6 and 14 unchanged; claims 7 to 13 cancelled; new claims 15, 16 and 17 added." or
"Claims 7 to 13 cancelled; new claims 15, 16 and 17 added; all other claims unchanged."
4. [Where various kinds of amendments are made]:
"Claims 1-10 unchanged; claims 11 to 13, 18 and 19 cancelled; claims 14, 15 and 16 replaced by amended claim 14; claim 17 subdivided into amended claims 15, 16 and 17; new claims 20 and 21 added."

"Statement under article 19(1)" (Rule 46.4)

The amendments may be accompanied by a statement explaining the amendments and indicating any impact that such amendments might have on the description and the drawings (which cannot be amended under Article 19(1)).

The statement will be published with the international application and the amended claims.

It must be in the language in which the international application is to be published.

It must be brief, not exceeding 500 words if in English or if translated into English.

It should not be confused with and does not replace the letter indicating the differences between the claims as filed and as amended. It must be filed on a separate sheet and must be identified as such by a heading, preferably by using the words "Statement under Article 19(1)."

It may not contain any disparaging comments on the international search report or the relevance of citations contained in that report. Reference to citations, relevant to a given claim, contained in the international search report may be made only in connection with an amendment of that claim.

Consequence if a demand for international preliminary examination has already been filed

If, at the time of filing any amendments under Article 19, a demand for international preliminary examination has already been submitted, the applicant must preferably, at the same time of filing the amendments with the International Bureau, also file a copy of such amendments with the International Preliminary Examining Authority (see Rule 62.2(a), first sentence).

Consequence with regard to translation of the international application for entry into the national phase

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that, where upon entry into the national phase, a translation of the claims as amended under Article 19 may have to be furnished to the designated/elected Offices, instead of, or in addition to, the translation of the claims as filed.

For further details on the requirements of each designated/elected Office, see Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

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Applicant THE PROCTER & GAMBLE COMPANY et al.		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 2 sheets.

☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. ☐ Certain claims were found unsearchable (see Box I).
2. ☐ Unity of invention is lacking (see Box II).
3. ☐ The international application contains disclosure of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing and the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing
 - ☐ filed with the international application.
 - ☐ furnished by the applicant separately from the international application.
 - ☐ but not accompanied by a statement to the effect that it did not include matter going beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed.
 - ☐ Transcribed by this Authority

4. With regard to the title,
 - ☐ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant
 - ☒ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

FABRIC STAIN REMOVAL METHOD

5. With regard to the abstract,
 - ☐ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant
 - ☒ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this International Search Report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is:

Figure No. _____

- ☐ as suggested by the applicant.
- ☐ because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.
- ☐ because this figure better characterizes the invention.

☒ None of the figures.

Box III TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

MODIFIED ABSTRACT

DISCLOSED IS A PROCESS FOR REMOVING STAINS FROM A LOCALIZED AREA OF A FABRIC, COMPRISING THE STEPS OF APPLYING A CLEANING COMPOSITION TO SAID STAIN, AND COCURRENTLY OR CONSECUTIVELY THEREWITH, APPLYING MECHANICAL ACTION TO SAID STAIN BY MEANS OF A CLEANING DEVICE.
DURING THE TREATMENT THE STAIN IS COVERED WITH A PROTECTIVE MATERIAL WHICH MINIMIZES DAMAGE TO THE FABRIC DUE TO THE MECHANICAL ACTION OF THE CLEANING DEVICE.

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International Application No.

PCT/88 98/15003

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 6 D06L1/02 D06L1/20

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 6 D06L C11D

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	WO 97 20099 A (PROCTER & GAMBLE) 5 June 1997 see page 15, paragraph 2 - page 16; figures ---	1-5, 7-17
A	US 5 122 158 A (KURODA MUTHUMI ET AL) 16 June 1992 see claims; figures ---	1-4, 6-8, 10-12
A	DATABASE WPI Section Ch, Week 9618 Derwent Publications Ltd., London, GB; Class G04, AN 96-171917 XP002085422 & AU 30318 95 A (DAY A W), 14 March 1996 see abstract -----	1-4

☐ Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.☒ Patent family members are listed in annex.

Special categories of cited documents:

"A" document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance

"E" earlier document but published on or after the international filing date

"L" document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)

"O" document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means

"P" document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed

"T" later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention

"X" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone

"Y" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art.

"&" document member of the same patent family

Date of the actual completion of the international search

23 November 1998

Date of mailing of the international search report

07/12/1998

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Information on patent family members

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Patent document cited in search report		Publication date	Patent family member(s)	Publication date
WO 9720099	A	05-06-1990	AU 1276697 A	19-06-1997
			AU 6978396 A	19-06-1997
			AU 6978796 A	19-06-1997
			AU 7109896 A	19-06-1997
			EP 0871808 A	21-10-1998
			EP 0866893 A	30-09-1998
			NO 982358 A	22-06-1998
			NO 982359 A	25-05-1998
			NO 982360 A	25-05-1998
			WO 9720094 A	05-06-1997
			WO 9720095 A	05-06-1997
			WO 9720098 A	05-06-1997
US 5122158	A	16-06-1992	JP 1599269 C	31-01-1991
			JP 58012697 A	24-01-1983
			JP 62016671 B	14-04-1987
			AU 562240 B	04-06-1987
			AU 8606182 A	20-01-1983
			CA 1177765 A	13-11-1984

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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International application No. PCT/US98/15003	International filing date (day/month/year) 20/07/1998	Priority date (day/month/year) 21/07/1997
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC D06L1/02		
Applicant THE PROCTER & GAMBLE COMPANY et al.		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.



2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.

- ☒ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of 1 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☒ Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand 04/01/1999	Date of completion of this report 20 NOV 1999
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**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
EXAMINATION REPORT**

International application No. PCT/US98/15003

I. Basis of the report

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of (*substitute sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments.*):

Description, pages:

1-23 as originally filed

Claims, No.:

1-7 as received on 11/08/1999 with letter of 26/07/1999

2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages:
☒ the claims, Nos.: 2-6, 10-14
☐ the drawings, sheets:

3. ☒ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

see separate sheet

4. Additional observations, if necessary:

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims 1-7
	No: Claims
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims
	No: Claims 1-7
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims 1-7
	No: Claims

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2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

see separate sheet

Ad I.3

1. The newly introduced feature (c) of the independent claims 1 and 3 concerning the concentration of amine oxide surfactant does not seem to be based on the disclosure as filed. While the passage page 23, lines 10-15, right column discloses a composition consisting of 0.1 to 4% BPP, 0.1 to 0.5% C12-C14 alkyl sulfate and 95 to 99.8% water, the percentage of nonionic surfactant is from 0.0 to 0.5% and not from 0.1 to 0.5%, as specified in the claims.

1. Ad V:

Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: US-A-51 22158

D2: WO-A-9720099

2. From D2, figures and corresponding description, particularly example 79, page 45, a process according to claims 1 and 3 is known, which comprises applying a cleaning composition to a stained area of a fabric which is in contact with an absorbent and applying mechanical action to said stain by means of a cleaning device while covering the stain with the distal end of the dispenser cap (see figure 1). D2 discloses cleaning compositions which may comprise butoxy propoxy propanol (see page 35, line 2), C8-C18 alkyl sulfates (see page 10, second paragraph), amine oxide (see page 9, second paragraph) and water (see page 35, line 7). The only features of claims 1 and 3 not explicitly mentioned in D2, the specific concentrations, have to be regarded as mere result of an optimization the skilled person can carry out without the exercise of an inventive activity.

From D1, in particular figures 1-5 and corresponding description, a process according to claims 1 and 3 is known, which comprises applying a cleaning composition to a stained area of a fabric and applying mechanical action to said stain by means of a cleaning device (2) while covering the stain with a protective

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covering material (1), which is considered as sheet, to minimize abrasion. The features not mentioned in D1, the specific cleaning compositions have to be regarded as lying within the skilled person's general knowledge and cannot sustain an inventive step.

For lack of an inventive step the claims 1 and 3 do not meet the requirements of Article 33(3) PCT.

- 3.1 The skilled person is able to choose the optimal geometric form of the dispenser tip, as mentioned in claims 2 and 4 without the exercise of an inventive activity.

The same objection is valid for the stain receivers according to claims 5-7.

For lack of an inventive step the claims 2 and 4 to 7 do not meet the requirements of Article 33(3) PCT.

4. The industrial applicability is evident.

Ad VIII:

As the independant claims 1 and 3 prescribe that the cleaning composition has a minimum content of 0.1% for each of (a), (b) and (c), the percentage of (d) cannot be 99.8%. Thus these claims cannot be considered as clear (Article 6 PCT).

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. In a process for removing stains from a localized area of a fabric with no or minimal visible fabric damage, comprising the steps of applying a cleaning composition to said stain, covering the stain with a sheet of protective covering material and, concurrently or consecutively therewith, applying mechanical action to said stain by means of a cleaning device, characterized in that the cleaning composition comprises, by weight of the composition:
 - (a) from 0.1 to 4.0% butoxy propoxy propanol;
 - (b) from 0.1 to 0.5% C₁₂-C₁₄ alkyl sulfate surfactant;
 - (c) from 0.1 % to 0.5 % of an amine oxide surfactant; and
 - (d) from 95 to 99.8% of water.
2. A process according to Claim 1 wherein the tip is concave, convex or flat.
3. In a process for removing stain from a localized stained area on a fabric, comprising:
 - (a) placing the stained area of the fabric over and in contact with an absorbent material;
 - (b) applying a liquid cleaning composition to said stain from a container having a dispenser spout; and
 - (c) concurrently or consecutively with step (b), rubbing or pressing said cleaning composition into said stain using the distal tip of said spout, whereby said stain is transferred into the absorbent material, characterized in that: the cleaning composition comprises, by weight of the composition:
 - (a) from 0.1 to 4.0% butoxy propoxy propanol;
 - (b) from 0.1 to 0.5% C₁₂-C₁₄ alkyl sulfate surfactant;
 - (c) from 0.1 % to 0.5 % of an amine oxide surfactant; and
 - (d) from 95 to 99.8% of water.
4. A process according to Claim 3 wherein the tip of said spout is concave, convex or flat.
5. A process according to Claim 3, wherein the absorbent stain receiver is a FAM-foam receiver.
6. A process according to Claim 3, wherein the absorbent stain receiver is a ASRA receiver.
7. A process according to Claim 3 wherein the ASRA is a TBAL stain receiver.

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 - ☐ furnished by the applicant separately from the international application,
 - ☐ but not accompanied by a statement to the effect that it did not include matter going beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed.
 - ☐ Transcribed by this Authority

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☒ None of the figures.

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International Application No.

PCT/US 98/15003

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 IPC 6 D06L1/02 D06L1/20

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 6 D06L C11D

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	WO 97 20099 A (PROCTER & GAMBLE) 5 June 1997 see page 15, paragraph 2 - page 16; figures	1-5, 7-17
A	US 5 122 158 A (KURODA MUTHUMI ET AL) 16 June 1992 see claims; figures	1-4, 6-8, 10-12
A	DATABASE WPI Section Ch, Week 9618 Derwent Publications Ltd., London, GB; Class G04, AN 96-171917 XP002085422 & AU 30318 95 A (DAY A W), 14 March 1996 see abstract	1-4



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